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REMOVAL FILTER AND THE USE THEREOF

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JP 1723513, which published as JP 02-013587, accompanied by an English translation of marked portion, which is cited and discussed the specification beginning on page 2, last paragraph;

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JP 07-124255, accompanied by an English language translation, and family member U.S. Patent Nos. 5,476,587 and 5,707,520, which is cited and discussed the specification beginning on page 5, line 3;

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